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**PATENT**  
Docket No. H 5716-I

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Application of Giordani, et al.

Confirmation No.:

Serial No.: 10/531,113

Examiner: Lois L. Zheng

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Art Unit: 1793

Title: PICKLING OR BRIGHTENING/PASSIVATING SOLUTION AND PROCESS FOR  
STEEL AND STAINLESS STEEL

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

This paper responds to the Official Action mailed November 24, 2008 and is accompanied by a request for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee associated with entry of this amendment to Deposit Account 12-2135. Please enter the following amendments:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.